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FEDERAL GRAND JURY IN FORT WAYNE RETURNS INDICTMENTS

Fort Wayne, IN—The United States Attorney's Office announced that a Grand Jury sitting in Fort Wayne, Indiana, returned the following Indictments on August 24, 2011:

Brandon Edwards, 20, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, is charged in a two count Indictment with making a false statement on an FFL form on or about May 14, 2010, and June 21, 2010. The Indictment also seeks for forfeiture of firearms. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Lesley Miller Lowery.

William L. Howard, 39, of Decatur, Indiana, is charged in a single count Indictment with being a felon in possession of a firearm on or about August 6, 2011. The Indictment also seeks for forfeiture of a firearm. This charge was filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Adams County Sheriff's Department. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Lovita Morris King.

James B. Nelson, 29, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, is charged in 4 counts of a 5 count Indictment with attempt to distribute controlled substances on or about July 28, 2011, and possession with intent to distribute controlled substances on or about August 4, 2011. Stefanie Redfern, 22, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, is charged in all 5 counts of a 5 count Indictment with attempt to distribute controlled substances on or about July 28, 2011, possession with intent to distribute controlled substances on or about August 4, 2011, and maintaining a drug involved premises from on or about May 2011, and continuing to on or about August 2011. The Indictment also seeks for forfeiture of various items. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Department of Homeland Security, United States Postal Inspection Service, Drug Enforcement Administration, Fort Wayne Police Department, Indiana State Police, and the Allen County Police Department. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Tina L. Nommay.

Carl V. White, 26, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, is charged in a single count Indictment with being a felon in possession of a firearm on or about August 9, 2011. The Indictment also seeks for forfeiture of firearms. This charge was filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Fort Wayne Police Department. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Tina L. Nommay.

The specific sentence in each case to be imposed upon conviction will be determined by the judge after a consideration of federal sentencing statutes and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.

The United States Attorney's Office emphasized that an Indictment is merely an allegation and that all persons charged are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.

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